

and strength of muscle, lends to it a charm which healthy and vigorous young manhood alone can appreciate.

Though we have not the advantages arising from numerous opportunities for outside matches, a splendid degree of proficiency in the game may be reached by a better system of class matches than that which now exists. Let two days of each week, during the foot-ball season, be set aside for class matches; and let each match be played under the most rigid observance of strict match rules, and the advance made in one season under such a system would be surprising. A suitable reward for the class gaining the most victories would add to the interest. Such a system as this would tend to make the whole body of students, for the most part, good players. A fifteen picked from Acadia under such conditions would be about invincible, although she has never yet had cause to blush for her football record, even with the most limited opportunities for practice. To the venerable and highly respectable objection that the game is too rough, we would say, that just in proportion as men learn to play well, in that proportion will the danger be reduced. If every man *plays ball*, accidents will be few and far between, while the good resulting to all engaged in the game will be very great.

Long live football at Acadia say we.

WHERE many constitute themselves judges of and demand perfection in attained results while the means is notoriously inadequate in quantity and quality, the tenure of office is not desirable on account of its pleasantness. Yet, such is the happy position of the chairman of our lecture committee. He works without encouragement and is criticised without mercy. The limited resources of the Athenæum Society, drained by a dozen other enterprises, are his financial backing. Prejudices among the students and different tastes among the audience add to the natural difficulties and surrounding social attractions. Taking these few facts from among the many, by their light it cannot be unlikely that in the varied facings of circumstances it requires more executive ability to direct affairs aright than to find fault with the course pursued.

During several years the lecture committee have done the best they could. Some very good lecturers

have been brought from a distance, but it is hardly possible to secure the best talent of the continent on the mere wish of the Athenæum. Yet, when able lecturers have passed through our country, no one can say that determined efforts were not put forth by our society to secure their services. Added to direct effort, the society has to thank many local gentlemen for their highly appreciated services kindly rendered from time to time, for provincial talent has most of all made our lecture course highly esteemed in the past, and now we would gladly receive the news of their willingness to help us.

Four classes claim justice at the hands of the lecture committee, viz., the people of Wolfville and vicinity, the students of the Academy and Seminary, the college students and the lecturer himself. As an illustration of how courses of conduct have become what they are, on account of discerned right principles, let us in the face of facts examine the present system of admittance to lectures. It is: Members of the Athenæum society are admitted free, while all others pay a light admittance fee. After the expenses (of which the lecturer's fee is only a part) is ascertained, the deficiency is made up by a tax on the Athenæum members, and so strictly has the moral law, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number been followed, that this tax on every member of the Athenæum has approximately equalled the admittance fee for all. Thus the students have been brought fully to the line of justice, but this course is taken because all deserve justice. For, as a member of the Athenæum pays the same for a lecture missed as a lecture heard, justice is done to our lecturer in the point of a fair audience under any circumstances, to many, a courtesy owed to their unpaid kindness. Again, the very constitution of the college, the very words of the calendar, proclaim these lectures for the benefit of the college students, and we take the best measures yet suggested to ensure their enjoying the benefit of this lecture course.

The Athenæum society feel that they owe a generous courtesy to the people of Wolfville, but more especially to the students of the Academy and Seminary, and on several occasions they have sought to give it worthy expression. In return the society would respectfully ask the manifestation of a kindly spirit in them to uphold and improve a course of lectures for the highest good of all concerned.